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Editor's Comment

Perhaps it was nine months ago that I started thinking about writing a guide to money bags. There is such a range from the old leather express bags to the modern ballistic bags for the Mint and clear plastic deposit bags for businesses.

I made an initial attempt to start a classification system. Then I got sidetracked by another project. I was working on *Numismatic Rogues Gallery* to be published on the Newman Numismatic Portal.

Still Waiting

Back in June of 2022, I began correspondence with a collector who claims to have a thousand bags. In February of 2023 he said he was working on an article to be published late in 2023 or early in 2024.

I believe he has a lot to contribute to The Old Bag Collectors Club, but he is not a member. When the article is published, I expect I can add to the *Incomplete Guide to United States Mint Coin Bags*.

What's Selling on eBay

I looked at recent offerings on eBay to see what is selling. One dealer has been selling group lots of 20 $25.00 U. S. Mint Quarters bags. Here are dates and prices: 10/23/2023 $12.22 on 7 bids / 10/30/2023 $8.50 on 4 bids / 11/29/2023 $1.25 on 2 bids / 12/14/2023 $6.61 on 10 bids / 1/8/2024 $7.00 on 12 bids / 1/19/2024 $3.84 on 2 bids, That same seller has another group closing this week.

I did not see any sold bag dated before 1950. Individual bags were selling for less than $10.00. In general. The bags that are selling are cheap common bags with little collector interest.

There is a "Buy-it-Now" offer of a new bag (empty) for 2000 dollars at $99.00. I am not surprised that one has not sold.

Fantasy Bags for Sale

As an indication of the popularity of bag collecting, promoters have started to produce fantasy bags for sale on eBay. Shown on this page are bags for the Carson City Mint, Bank of Tombstone, Arizona, and Bank of Virginia City.

The seller claims, “These are Printed on Authentic Bank Money Bags 9" wide and 17" tall and are made of Natural Heavy Duty Canvas with Tie Straps.”

What dies it mean that they are printed on “Authentic Bank Money Bags”? It means they bought the same unprinted canvas bags that anyone can buy from various venders.

These are fantasy designs meaning they have not reproduced actual designs used by these banks or the Carson City Mint.